

The London Times says, the abdication of King Otho. of Greece, (whose rule it strongly denounces) is an event which may prove of the utmost importance in the politics of Eastern Europe. The Times trusts that, whether they choose a member of a European reigning house or a man of their own race, the choice will be ratified without hesitation by Europe.

Hon. Roger Brooke Taney, the venerable Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, is slightly ill at his residence in Washington. For many weeks past his health has been remarkably good, and his present illness, it is not at all probable, will detain him from occupying his accustomed seat on the bench at the opening of the approaching session.

Gov. Johnson, of Tenn., is to order an election for members of the U. S. Congress from that State.

Gen. Hooker took command of his corps yesterday and was kindly received. General Porter took leave of his officers and command, and left for Washington.

A Prussian journal makes grave complaints of the action of General Butler in New Orleans towards Prussian property and Prussian subjects.

A steamship, supposed almost with certainty to be the Europa, from Queenstown on the 2d instant, passed Cape Race on Tuesday evening.

The U. S. Secretary of War has promoted private Alfred Townsend to a lieutenancy in the regular army for conduct in the battles on the Peninsula and in the recent battle of Bull Run, where he was severely wounded.

Several prominent citizens, including a number of well-known Wall street bankers, in N. Y., propose to tender to General McClellan a complimentary dinner.

The fall term of the Circuit Court of Prince George's county, Md., was to have commenced on Monday of last week, but when his Honor Judge Brent arrived he found the places of the civilian filled with the military, and as several of the soldiers were sick and could not be removed, it was determined to adjourn the court until the next April term.

The Boston Advertiser, one of the most influential Republican journals, regards the decision of the people at the late elections as a verdict against the course pursued by the radical managers, and a direct avowal of their distrust of their policy and guidance.

The ringleaders of the great robbery of the Bank of England note paper have been arrested. One of them was taken in the act of printing notes on some of the stolen paper.

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THE WAR IN THE SOUTH AND WEST.—Advices from Port Royal report that another expedition had been sent out, and reached the Charleston and Savannah railroad, and were engaged in destroying the road, when the Confederates came upon them, compelling them to retreat to their boats. Deserters from the Confederates report that Gen. Beauregard intended to attack Fort Pulaski, at the entrance of the Savannah river, about the 17th. The Confederates had evacuated St. Catharine's Island, taking the negroes with them.

On Tuesday night, Gen. Breckinridge sent a flag of truce to Nashville from Murfreesboro', asking an exchange of nineteen prisoners. The main Confederate force, under Generals Polk and Buckner, are falling back towards the South. Gen. Bragg has taken Gen. Joseph Johnston's command, the latter officer being in ill health. Gen. Rosecrans has ordered the impressment of negroes of secessionists for fatigue duty, and also organized a negro pioneer corps.

At latest advices, the Confederate army in Mississippi was still at Holly Springs, but all their war material, stores, &c., have been removed across the Tallahatchie. It is believed that, if seriously attacked, they will fall back south of the river.

The expedition which left Helena a few days since for Cotton Plant, numbered fifteen hundred men. On arriving at the point of attack, it was found that five thousand Confederates held the place, when the Federal forces returned, not deeming it prudent to bring on an engagement. Some skirmishing occurred, in which twelve Confederates were killed and twenty-four wounded. The Federal loss was thirty wounded.

A band of Confederate guerillas was surprised at Madisonville, Ky., on Monday, and several of them taken prisoners.

An engagement took place at Williamston, N. C., the superior numbers of the Federals forcing the Confederates to fall back. Palmyra, where a large force is said to have been landed, is a village of Halifax county, some 25 or 30 miles southeast from Weldon. General Lettigrew is in command of the Confederates at Weldon, which is supposed to be the point to be attacked.

The N. Y. World says that "for the past eighteen months a most gigantic system of fraud against the government has been going on in New York, by means of forged bills on the subsistence department in White street.—Solomon Kohnstam and G. B. Tracey, two brokers, have been in the habit of purchasing bills on the subsistence department for one-half and sometimes one-fourth their apparent value. Bills of \$1,800 were purchased for \$250, and others in like proportion. Parties were employed to hunt up contractors who had subsisted men, and some of the latter, being ignorant of what they were doing, were led to sign bills for subsisting one thousand men where they had really provided only for one hundred. As many as fifty persons are implicated in these frauds, and quite a number of them are already in custody. Kohnstam and Tracey were arrested on Tuesday. One of the runners confesses to having sold \$100,000 worth of these bills, and another acknowledges a still larger sum, a very great deal of which were false and fraudulent. It is supposed the whole amount will foot up not far from a million of dollars."

THE WAR IN VIRGINIA.—It is rumored that a considerable portion of Gen. Stonewall Jackson's forces is marching towards Cumberland, Maryland.

A Richmond paper states that General Cox's command, recently in Western Virginia, is now in Highland county, forty miles from Staunton.

A dispatch from Gen. Kelly to Gov. Pierpont, dated at Moorfield, Hardy county, Va., is published in the Wheeling papers, stating that on Saturday last he attacked Col. Imboden's camp of Confederates on the South Fork, eighteen miles south of Moorfield, and routed them, killing and wounding many, and capturing fifty prisoners and a quantity of arms, &c. The Federal loss was only one wounded; none killed.

By the arrival of parties at Harper's Ferry from Martinsburg, we learn that the Confederates have entirely disappeared from that line of the Potomac. Martinsburg had been visited by the Federal cavalry.

Humphrey Marshall has left Tennessee, where he was recently co-operating with Bragg, and entered Northwestern Virginia through Powell's Valley.

The Prince de Joinville has published in the Revue des Deux Mondes a sketch of the rise, formation and experience of the Army of the Potomac during the campaign which began with the evacuation of Manassas by Johnston, and ended with the retreat of McClellan from Richmond to Harrison's Bar.

The article has excited much attention in Europe. The Prince winds up his sketch of the campaign with a few pages of comments upon the political aspects of the struggle in which he had taken part. That his sympathies are wholly with the North and the Union is plain.

He thinks the failure before Richmond must greatly prolong the strife, and that a proclamation of emancipation would be more likely to divide the North than to appeal or persuade the South. The reconciliation which he believes might have followed the fall of Richmond, he now regards as very difficult.

But he concludes: "I am not one of those, however, who will thence infer that the Federal cause is lost. Compared to those of the South, the resources of the North are far from being exhausted &c."

It is said the price of flaxseed has advanced from \$1.35 to \$2.75 per bushel, the highest rate, it is said, ever realized in this country.

Two thousand dollars' worth of clothing, purchased, under direction of Lt. Col. Doster, provost marshal, out of funds realized from the sale of contraband goods captured on the Lower Potomac, is to be distributed among the "contrabands" at Camp Barker, near Washington.

Dr. Allen has resigned the presidency of Girard College, Philadelphia.

Major Sanders, recently captured by the revenue gunboat Hercules, states that his father was on the shore at the time he was taken.

Geo. Wilkes, proprietor of the sporting paper in New York bearing his name, claims that the removal of McClellan is due to his exertions; but intimates to the Government that Hooker, and not Burnside in his nominee to fill the vacancy!